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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

[G.O. Ms. No. 05/2022-WCDS(SW-I)/1748, Puducherry, dated 30th August 2022]

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India *vide* Order, dated 21-02-2022 in the matter of SMW(C) No. 06/2021, In Re Children in Street Situations with SMW (C) No. 04/2020, In Re Children in Need of Care and Protection due to loss of parents during COVID-19, read with Letter No.CW-II/7/2020-CW-II(e-85595), dated 24th February, 2022 of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, (Child Welfare II Section) Government of India, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to implement the "State Policy for Rehabilitation of Children Residing in Street Situations (CiSS) in the Union territory of Puducherry" appended to this Notification is hereby published for general information of the public.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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1. CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND :

1.1 With the outbreak of the coronavirus, Governments across the world have been taking proactive measures to control the spread of the pandemic. Such situations bring to fore the need to minimize risks of the community which are more vulnerable. These include children especially those who are in the category of children in need of care and protection.

1.2 While several safeguards are taken for children who are put in institutional care, there is also a need for developing a well-considered response mechanism for dealing with children living in street situations. Need has been advocated by civil society organisations for providing such children with necessary medical aid, protective kits constituting masks, handwash/sanitizers and other required support. The Department of Women & Child Development has accordingly done wide stakeholders consultation on the subject and a paramount need which has emerged is to focus on behavioral change communication not only among these children but also the families that are often responsible for keeping such children on the street. The focus that has emerged to recognize the need for overall care, protection and wellbeing of the child within the extent of services and provisions as prescribed in the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015. It itself important in current times to take steps to generate COVID-19 awareness and consequently ingrain COVID-19 appropriate behavior amongst these children with a holistic approach of forging convergence amongst various functionaries, institutions/ agencies and the multifarious Government schemes and policies.

1.3 The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) in consultation with Save the Children, Non Governmental Organization (NGO) had developed a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for rescue and rehabilitation of street children (CISS) 2.0. "Standard Operating Procedure for Care and Protection of Children in Street Situations 2.0" is an endeavour to strengthen the processes and interventions regarding CiSS in the view that there should not be any child in a street situations; rather they should be with their families. In case the family needs support, it may be provided keeping in mind the best interests of the child. The SOP 2.0 had been developed keeping in mind the learnings of NCPCR itself in rescue and rehabilitation of street children, the alarming number of 2 lakh children who were found to be in street situation in just 4 States of the country and the multidimensional and complex problems attached to the child in street situation.

2. CONCEPT AND DEFINITION :

2.1 Street children are a subset of vulnerable children, a major category that comes under children in need of care and protection (CNCP), defined under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

2.2 Although, there is no legal definition of the street children, the following types of children belong to the category of Street Children.

2.2.1. **Children without support living on the streets all alone:** These are the children without any parental anchor or family support system living on the streets, pavements or any public places on their own. For them, street is the home. Example are missing, runaway, abandoned and orphan children.

2.2.2. Children stay on the streets in the day and are back home at the night with their families who reside in a nearby slum/hutments: These are the children who spend their time on street, loitering in the day time. However, they go home during the night to be with their parents who live in a nearby slum or hutment. These children may be found simply loitering, begging, picking rags or selling goods/items. This set of children lacks parental guidance, as their parents too are struggling for their own survival.

2.2.3. Children living on the streets with their families:

2.2.3.1 These children are living with their families on the streets. They are from different parts of the Country and have migrated to the city to earn their subsistence. They mostly work in the unorganized sector, like temporary labour in construction. These families include seasonal as well as permanent migrant. Children of these families also live on the street with them, mostly loitering, begging, picking rags, or doing child labour with their parents, selling goods/items, etc.

2.2.3.2 The child in following conditions as per section 2(14) of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 may accordingly be considered as street child —

- (i) who is found working in the provision of this Act or labour laws for the time being in force or is found begging, or living on the street; or
- (ii) who has a parent or guardian and such parent or guardian is found to be unfit or incapacitated, by the Committee or the Board, to care for and protect the safety and well-being of the child; or
- (iii) who does not have parents and no one is willing to take care of, and protect or who is abandoned or surrendered ; or
- (iv) who is missing or run away child, or whose parents cannot be found after making reasonable inquiry in such manner as may be prescribed; or
- (v) who has been or is being or has been or is-being or is likely to be abused, tortured or exploited for the purpose of sexual abuse or illegal acts; or
- (vi) who is found vulnerable and is likely to be inducted into drug abuse or trafficking;
- (vii) who is being or is likely to be abused for unconscionable gains.

2.2.3.3. Some example of CNCP who come under the above-mentioned categories of CiSS are as follows :

- (i) Children who pick waste on the roadside or in the premises of railway station, bus terminus or any public places.
- (ii) Children living and working on the platforms of railway stations.
- (iii) Children living and working with families on streets/pavements/bus stands/railway stations/under flyovers, etc.,
- (iv) Children living with families in slums/hutments and working on streets; living with families at construction sites.

- (v) Children of commercial sex workers/children living in red light areas loitering on the streets.
- (vi) Children loitering on the beach/living on the beach (with or without families) in tourist hotspots.
- (vii) Children in sibling Care: the CiSS themselves are CNCP, take care of their siblings who live on streets.
- (viii) Children who are substance abusers living on the streets.
- (ix) Children performing on the streets
- (x) Children cleaning automobile wind screen, etc.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THIS POLICY :

- (1) Effective implementation of SOP 2.0 for care and protection of children in street situations.
- (2) To take suitable steps for rehabilitation and suitable rehabilitation of children in street situations.
- (3) To specify the roles and responsibilities of the Nodal Officer at both State and District Level for rehabilitation of children in street situations.
- (4) To recommend measures for rehabilitation of children in street situations in accordance to their prevailing situation for a plan, reporting and monitoring of children in street situations.

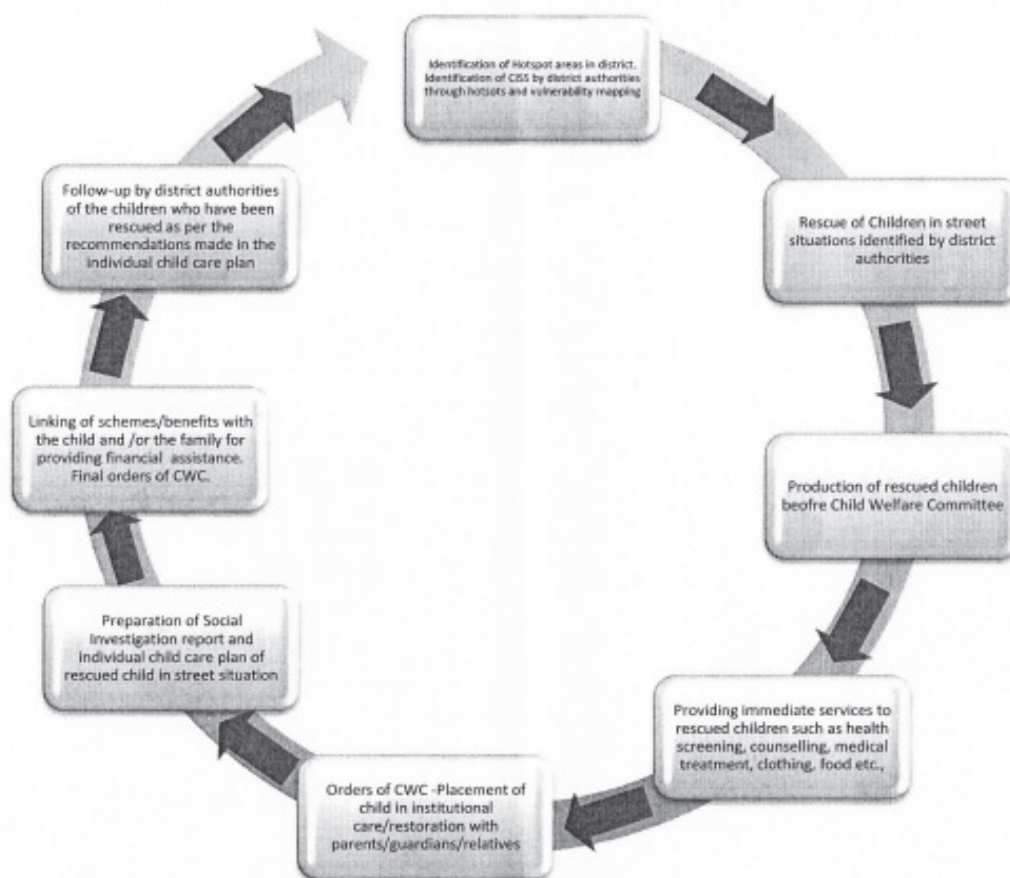
4. NODAL AUTHORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SOP AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS :

- (A) District Magistrates/ District Collectors is to take steps in accordance with SOP 2.0 that has been formulated by the NCPCR.
- (B) The Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development in the Union territory of Puducherry shall be the Nodal Officer to ensure that all the District Magistrates/ District Collectors /Regional Administrators take prompt action for implementation of SOP 2.0 formulated by the UTPCPS.
- (C) Childline, District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Non Government Organizations (NGOs) , Volunteers & Other Stakeholders will identify the children residing the Street Situation.
- (D) Child Welfare Committee will be the authority to provide the remedial and rehabilitations measures to the street children in co-ordination with the District Child Protection Unit & Other Stakeholders.

4.1 Department of Women & Child Development being the Nodal Department for implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 undertakes various kinds of interventions/ measures (primarily through Child Welfare Committees, District Child Protection Units and other institutions) for children in street situations to alleviate their conditions from vulnerability to a secured societal environment. To mention a few. -

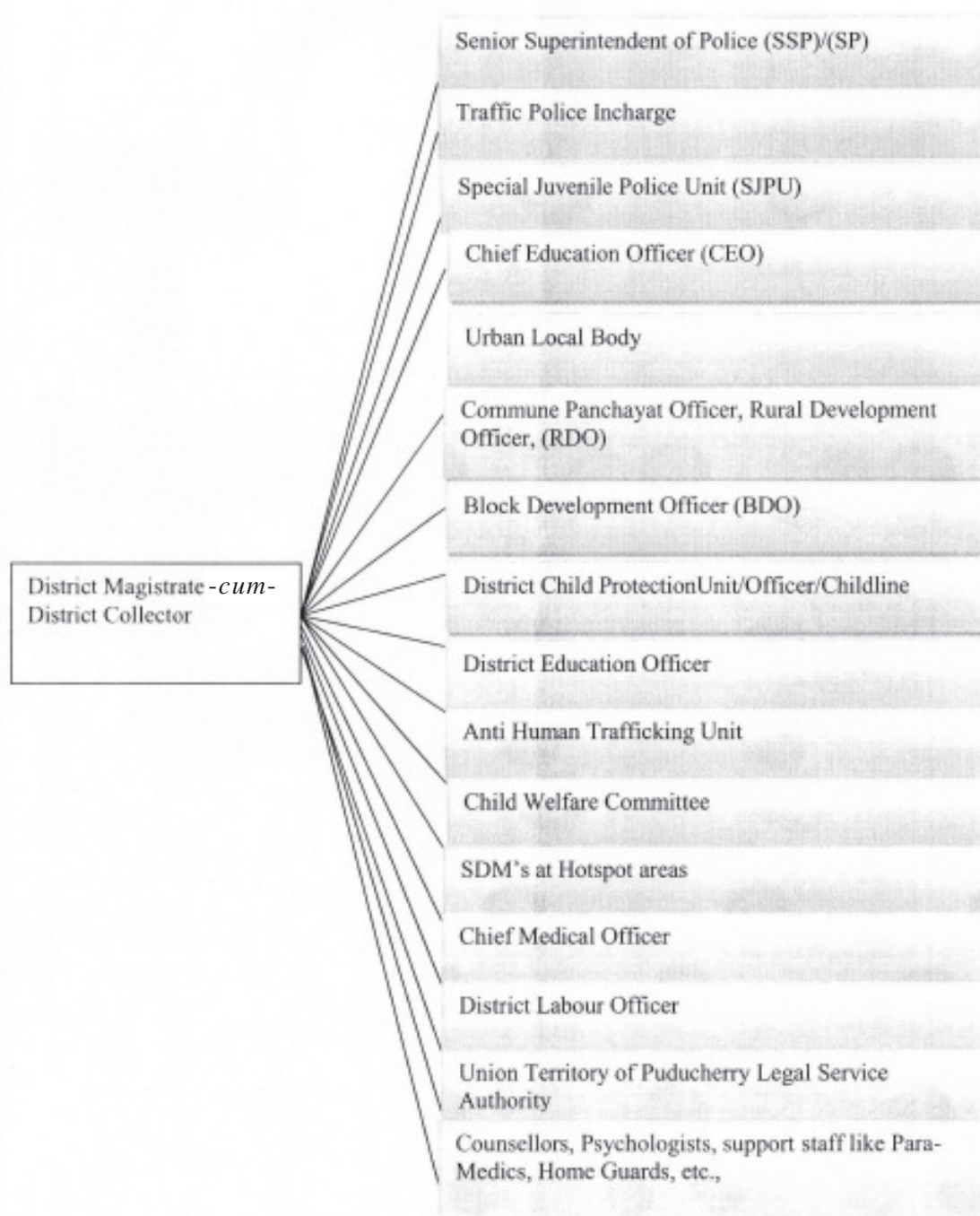
- (i) Production of children in street situations before the Child Welfare Committee by any person, voluntary organisation, Government officials and concerned agencies;
- (ii) Facilitates temporary shelter (in Open Shelters or night shelters for families);
- (iii) Conducts Social Investigation Report (SIR) of child through DCPUs;
- (iv) Undertakes Counseling and restoration of the child who has a family;
- (v) Facilitates their enrollment in Anganwadi Centres/Crèches, wherever applicable;
- (vi) Linkages with other provisions facilitated through the DCPU/ CWC - To elaborate, a child who cannot be restored, due to parent or guardian found to be unfit or incapacitated or if his/her family could not be traced, then he/ she may be placed with Foster family/ Fit Person/ Fit Facility/ Group Foster Care. If not, then long-term institutional care with Individual Care Plan till 18 years of age for him/her; and rehabilitation and social integration from age 18 to 21.

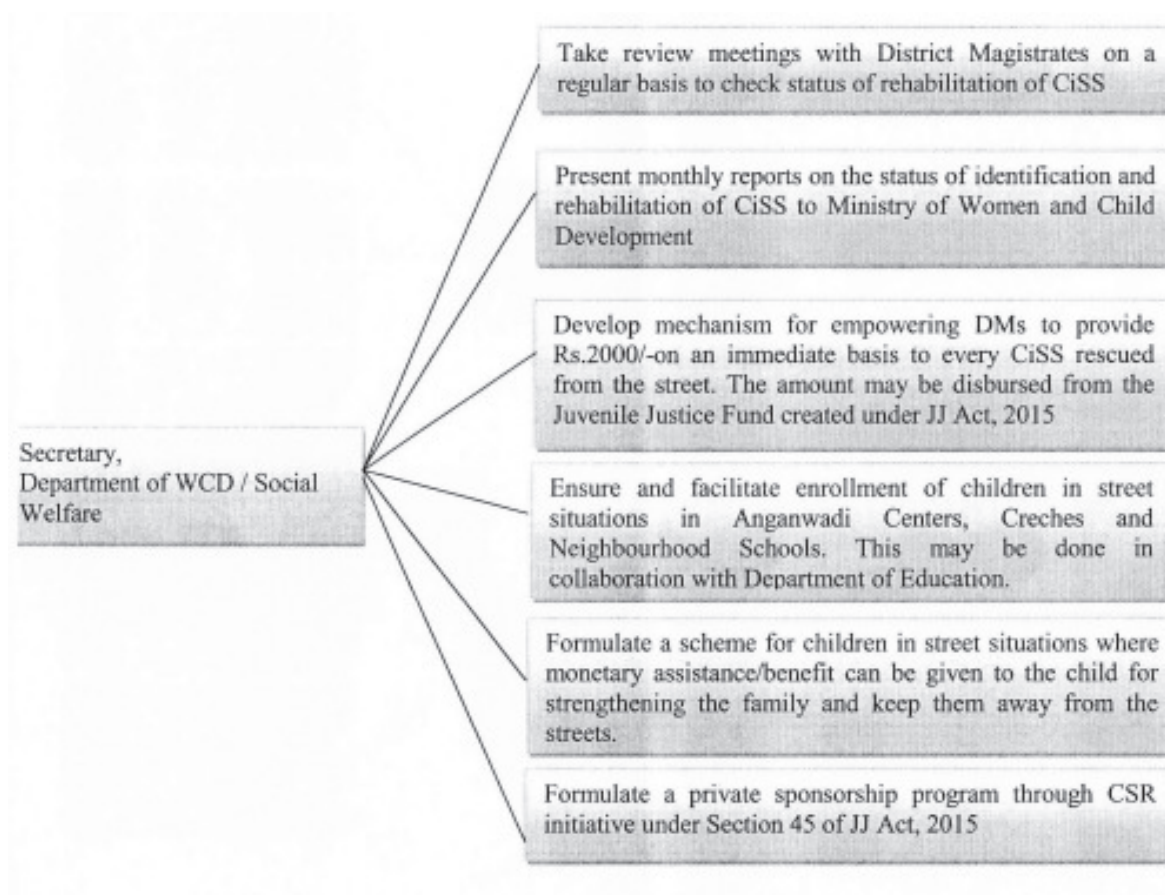
FLOW CHART FOR IDENTIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS:

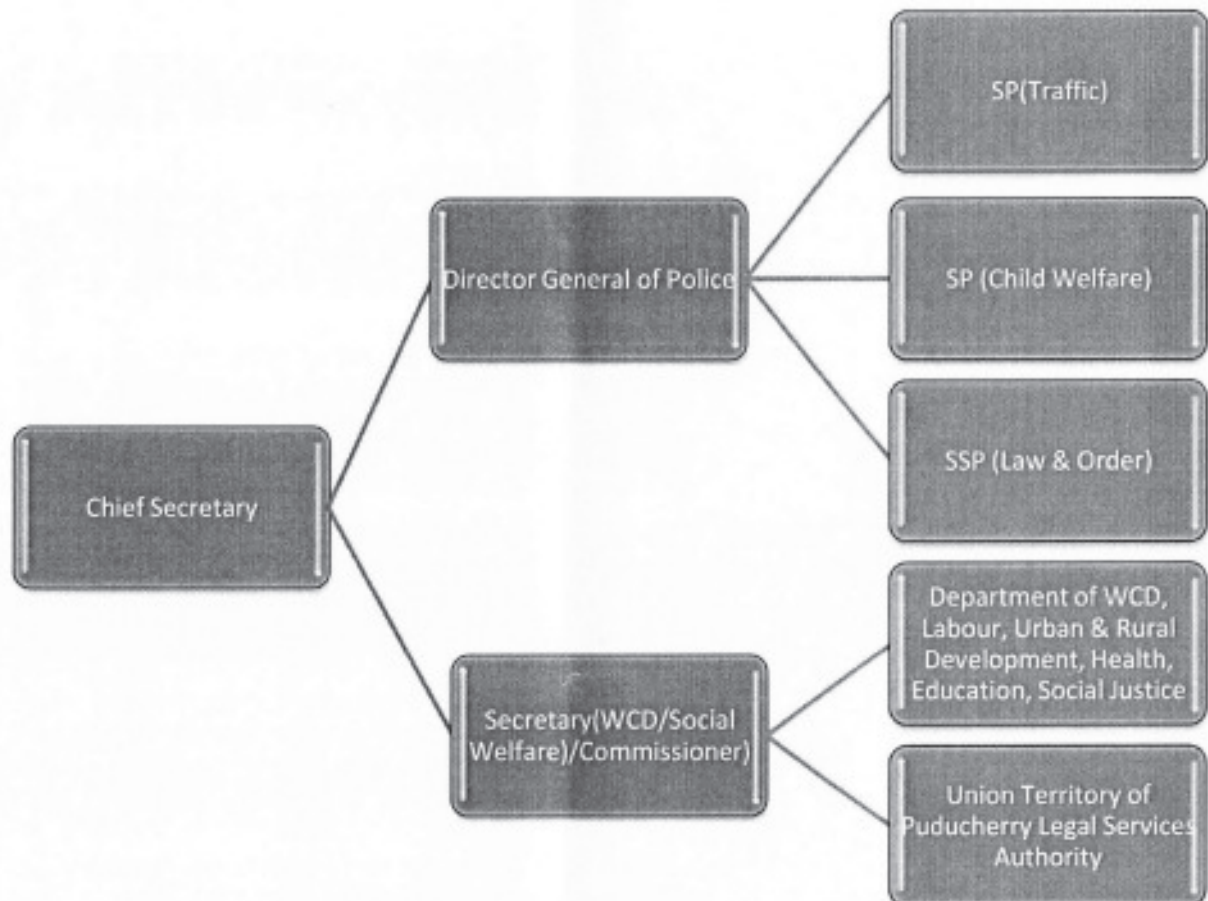


STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY AUTHORITIES FOR REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION, RESCUE AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS



2. MONITORING OF STATUS OF CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS

3. REVIEW OF STATUS OF REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS

S.No.	Concerned authority	Steps to be taken
1.	State Child Protection Society(UTPCPS)	<p>(i) Implementation of private sponsorship programme of the Government. To ensure that maximum benefit can be given to children in street situations through CSR initiatives of industries and companies under the sponsorship programme. The private sponsorship programme may also be implemented for individual to individual sponsors who are willing to provide financial assistance to the child.</p> <p>(ii) Conduct training programmes of District Level Officers and State level officers for identification, rescue and rehabilitation of Children in street situations. The training programme may include District Magistrates, Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Officers, Police Personnel, Labour officers etc.</p> <p>(iii) Capacity building workshops for district officials to enable them to conduct rescue drives periodically.</p>
2.	Secretary, Department of WCD / of the State / UT	<p>(i) The Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development/Social Welfare shall be the Nodal Officer to ensure that all the District Magistrates / District Collectors take prompt action for implementation of SOP 2.0 formulated by the NCPCR.</p> <p>(ii) The Government of Puducherry may empower the District Magistrates to provide immediate relief of ₹ 2,000 to the identified children in street situations at the time of rescue from the Juvenile Justice Fund created under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. This may be done through a procedure prescribed by the Department of Women and Child Development/Social Welfare.</p> <p>(iii) The Department of Women and Child Development /Social Welfare shall monitor and supervise the activities and steps being undertaken at the district level for rescue and rehabilitation of Children in Street Situation.</p> <p>(iv) The Department of Women and Child Development /Social Welfare shall call for reports from the District Magistrates on a monthly basis of children identified, rescued and rehabilitated.</p> <p>(v) The Department of Women and Child Development /Social Welfare shall formulate a procedure to be implemented by the district authorities for providing all monetary benefits and compensations due to the child and the family in a time bound manner.</p> <p>(vi) Formulate a private sponsorship program through CSR initiatives and for individual to individual sponsorship under section 45 of JJ Act, 2015.</p> <p>(vii) Follow-up of children linked under private sponsorship program may be done through by ensuring that they are</p>

		enrolled in schools and are regularly attending the school. This follow-up can be done by seeking data collected by District Education Officer under Rule 2B (2) of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Rules, 1988.
3	District Magistrates / Collectors	<p>(i) Identification of hotpots (<i>refer Annexure-B of SOP of State Policy</i>)</p> <p>(ii) Vulnerability mapping of children living in slums nearby to the <i>hotspots</i> [<i>vulnerability mapping indicators as Annexure-A</i>]</p> <p>(iii) Assessment of any/all such "<i>Children and Vulnerable Families at Risk</i>" of getting into CiSS in such villages and urban habitations.</p> <p>(iv) Routine discussions of concerned stakeholders is required to be held at District, Block and Village Levels.</p> <p>(v) <i>The DMs shall review the process of identification and rescue of CiSS in time limit meetings on a regular basis and other such important meetings held at the Commissioner's level.</i></p> <p>(vi) A report on the review done by the DMs on a regular basis in the Time Limit meetings or any other meetings regarding children in street situations shall be submitted to the Principal Secretary, Department of WCD / Social Welfare.</p> <p>(vii) Prepare duty chart of officials (Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) / (SP), Block Development Officer (BDO), Commune Panchayat Officer, Rural Development Officer (RDO), CDPO, DCPO, DEO, CWC, JJB, SJPU, AHTU, CMO, District Employment Officer) regarding their individual roles and responsibilities for identification and rehabilitation of CiSS.</p> <p>(viii) The identification and rescue of CiSS is a time bound process which needs to be carried out on regular basis by the officials.</p> <p>(ix) The District Collector/Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate may issue directions for creating a pool of trained counselors in the district and have formal engagement of such counselors in the district who can provide necessary counselling and mental health care and support for CiSS and their vulnerable families.</p> <p>(x) The DM shall effectively implement the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's circular No.X.11029/6/ 2010-DDAP to devise ways and means to regulate and control the sale of correction fluid and thinner, which are substances generally used in offices, but reportedly</p>

		<p>being widely misused by children/street children as intoxicating substance /drug inhaling them to get stimulating effects like drugs.</p> <p>(xi) In case there is no facility of an open shelter, as per provision provided under section 51 of the JJ Act, 2015, the DM shall ensure that CWC recognizes a facility being run by a Government organization or a school building as a fit facility for the time being to run an open shelter starts. This open shelter shall function according to the provision provided under section 43 of the JJ Act, 2015. The NGOs/CBOs working in the region that have experience of working with children can provide food, education, skill building, recreation facility, playing and games to improve the quality of services to these children. The children living in the fit facility can be linked with mid day meal kitchen for making provisions for food requirement of children. <i>[Refer page 14 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</i></p> <p>(xii) To identify such individual or corporate / industries who are willing to provide financial assistance to the child and get them enrolled in a private sponsorship programme of the State under section 45 of JJ Act, 2015.</p> <p>(xiii) Post Identification and Rescue</p> <p>a) The District Magistrates shall facilitate services of medical officer of the district and para-medics for health screening of children that have been rescued.</p> <p>b) The District Magistrates shall facilitate services of counselors to the children being produced before CWC post rescue.</p> <p>c) The children who are being kept in temporary shelter like open shelter/fit facilities shall be enrolled in neighborhood schools and transportation facilities from the shelter to school shall be facilitated by the District Magistrates.</p> <p>d) The DM may pass orders for providing financial assistance of ₹ 2,000 as interim relief to the CiSS at the time of rescue. This amount of ₹ 2,000 may be disbursed to the child through the Juvenile Justice Fund.</p> <p>e) The District Task Force shall ensure that children are attending school regularly as per <i>Rule 2 B (2) of child & Adolescent Labour Rules, 2017</i></p> <p>f) Sponsorship</p>
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4	Child Welfare Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Procedure as prescribed under Section 36 and 37 of the JJ Act, 2015 shall be followed by the committee after a child in street situation is produced before it. (ii) For children living on the streets alone (iii) The Committee to conduct inquiry as per Section 36 of JJ Act, 2015. On being satisfied through the inquiry that the child before the Committee is a CNCP, may, direct for preparation of Social Investigation Report (SIR). (iv) The Committee may place the child in institutional care or exercise its discretion for the restoration of the child to guardian under Section 37 (1 and 1[b]), Section 39 (1) and Section 40(3), Section 37 (1.h) of the JJ Act, 2015. (v) Where it has been established that the child could not be restored with the family or could not also be declared free for adoption, the child may be provided long-term institutional care till the completion of 18 years and after that, financial support (as per Section 46 of JJ Act, 2015) may be provided till the age of 21 years in order to facilitate the child's re-integration into the mainstream of society. (vi) In the order of CWC, suitable temporary shelter to be provided to the child. (vii) Open shelters and institutions which can be declared fit facilities to be identified by the DCPU. (viii) Where there no open shelters or the open shelters in the district are not sufficient for reception of CiSS, the committee may declare any suitable institution as a fit facility as per Section 51 of the JJ Act, 2015. <i>[Refer page 14 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</i> (ix) In absence of any identification care/document of Child, on the order/request of CWC, child shall be taken to a nearby Aadhar Seva Kendra for making Aadhaar Card of the child. (x) In Case the Child is Living with his Family in the Street Situation (xi) For children living in the streets with their families, the rescue of such children shall also be done and such children should be produced before the Child Welfare Committee under Section 31 of the JJ Act, 2015. (xii) Pass necessary orders for restoration with the family and place the child and family in temporary shelters.
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		<p>(xiii) The temporary shelters may include open shelters, fit facilities etc. for children and night shelters for parents.</p> <p>(xiv) The child and the family members should also be given counselling.</p> <p>(xv) If it is a migrant family which has come to the city due to lack of means for subsistence, adopting the livelihood option of doing odd jobs, begging or selling products on the streets, or even does some other work involving children, the DCPU may visit the family and prepare the SIR to present the family situation.</p> <p>(xvi) All possible steps may be taken to rehabilitate the family to their native place.</p> <p>(xvii) The CWC where the child has been produced, the said CWC may consider writing to the CWC of the concerned district the family belongs to, or to the District magistrate, to provide sponsorship for the child - if the child is eligible for sponsorship under Section 45 of the JJ Act and ensure basic facility and appropriate benefits under various schemes of the Government (both Central and State Government) are provided to the family.</p> <p>(xviii) If it has been established that the family is unable to go back to their native home due to certain reasons, or is unable to go back to their native home for the time being, the CWC shall recommend for the child is to be enrolled at the Anganwadi Centre or in a school, as well as provide open shelter facility available in the area.</p> <p>(xix) If it is found that the child is on the street during the any time and goes back to the family in the evening that stays in a nearby slum/hutment area</p> <p>(xx) The rescue of such children shall also be done and such children should be produced before the Child Welfare Committee under Section 31 of the JJ Act, 2015.</p> <p>(xxi) Pass necessary orders for restoration with the family and place the child in temporary shelters for the day time.</p> <p>(xxii) Open shelter shall function as a community-based facility for children, with the objective of protecting them from abuse or weaning them, or keeping them, away from a life on the streets.</p> <p>(xxiii) The Committee may recommend for linking the families and the child with Central Government or State Government implemented schemes to keep the families and the children away from streets.</p>
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5	Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Special Juvenile Police Units and Traffic Police in-charge of District in coordination with District Administration and State Department of Women and Child Development / Social Welfare shall work to guarantee protection to children living in street situations. (ii) The Beat constables and Traffic Police being better placed at all nooks and corners of the city, to be involved in the identification and rescue of the street children. (iii) Police Department having the knowledge of a child at risk on the street, with or without parents should immediately inform the CWC. (iv) Action be initiated against such family who is forcing the child into begging, as per provision provided under section 76 of JJ Act, 2015, "Employment of child of begging" and Section 75 of JJ (CPC) Act, 2015 "Cruelty to Child" (v) First information report (FIR) be lodged against the employer for contravention of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 1986 and provisions of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. (vi) Police to take action against any other abuse such as sexual, exploitation and trafficking. (vii) Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) to play an active role and share information with the DC/DCPU of the area. (viii) Develop innovative mechanisms for reporting of children in street situations by Traffic Police.
6	Labour Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If the child is found to be bonded labour, compensation in accordance with Clause 5 of the Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers, 2016 should be provided to the child. (ii) Rehabilitation of bonded labour as per provisions. (iii) An amount of ₹ 25,000 to be compensated to any the previously labour child as per given provisions, with a contribution of ₹ 5,000 from the District Child Rehabilitation Fund and ₹ 20,000 from the employer. (iv) Linkage to skill programmes and vocational training. (v) Rule 2 B (2) of Child & Adolescent Labour Rules, 2017 states that where a child receiving education in a school remains absent consecutively for thirty days without

		intimation to the Principal or Head Master of the school, then the Principal or Head Master shall report such absence to the concerned nodal officer referred to in clause (i) of sub-rule (1) of rule 17C for information. This may be monitored by the Labour Department on a regular basis. A report may be called for by the District Education Officers for this.
7	Urban Local Bodies / Municipality & Commune Panchayat	<p>(i) These bodies can also take measures to identify hotspots and inform the same to the District Magistrates.</p> <p>(ii) Sharing of death data by the concerned Urban Local Bodies/Municipalities to relevant stakeholders so that children rendered orphan or abandoned can be attended to immediately.</p> <p>(iii) The birth certificate to these children to be provided by concerned Municipalities for determination of age and enrollment in the school and linkage to any other such service requiring this document.</p> <p>(iv) Awareness generation about Child Helpline, Open shelter information etc. In this regard, announcement in Streets and markets can be done by Urban Local Bodies/Municipalities through their garbage vehicles on a regular basis.</p> <p>(v) Monitor the recycling units which have established for plastic waste management and its premises to identify children working in the areas and doing rag picking work. Self-help groups can be made and involved in identification of such families who are rag pickers and counselling can be given to them. It must be ensured that children who are involved in such work should be enrolled in schools and attend classes regularly.</p> <p>(vi) The Urban Local Body/Municipalities shall make all efforts to bring occupation of rag picking work into organized sector of work, so that the families can sell the waste and plastic materials to people at a fixed price and earn their livelihood. The bank accounts of such families shall be opened so that the occupation of rag picking can become a source of income for them and would keep the families and children off the streets and children of the child labour.</p> <p>(vii) The Urban Local Body/Municipalities shall also identify such people who are buying plastic waste/waste from children rag pickers and take appropriate action against such people along with getting FIR filed against them, as children working as rag pickers is prohibited under the Child & Adolescent Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act.</p>

8	Revenue Department / Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Overall monitoring and supervision of all interventions for ensuring caring and protection for the street children shall be done at the district level by the District Collector / DM. (ii) District Administration could consider training the rescued children from the Street, (on attaining the age of 18 years) as Civil Defense Volunteer, since it will not only provide such vulnerable children respectable employment but owing to their street experience they can assist many other children who come from similar background. (iii) Implementation of schemes so that benefit and release of compensations can be made to children in a time bound manner.
9	District Education Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) District Education officer shall facilitate admissions in neighborhood schools of such children and in case of migrant families, the children so repatriated with their families shall be admitted in schools of the repatriated district. (ii) The DEOs shall share regularly progress reports of such children admitted in schools to the Education Department. (iii) Where a child receiving education in school has been absent from the school consecutively for thirty days, the Principal or the Head Master of the school shall report such absence to the District Education Officer. [Rule 2 B (2) of Child & Adolescent Labour Rules, 2017] (iv) The DEO shall report the same to the DCPUs for reporting the same to Child Welfare Committees.

OTHER REHABILITATION MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS

S.No	Immediate Services to be provided to the child after rescue	Steps that can be taken
1	Health Screening	<p>a) For every child that is rescued and produced before the Child Welfare Committee, health screening of the child must be done.</p> <p>b) The District Magistrates shall facilitate services of medical officer of the district and para-medics for conducting health assessment of children at facilities and/or where the children in street situations are being produced before the Child Welfare Committee</p> <p>c) Based on the medical report of the child prepared during the health screening, the CWC shall pass orders to DCPU for linking the child with de-addiction centers, health centres etc. where there is requirement of giving emergency medical care, the child shall be provided the same.</p>
2.	Counselling	<p>a) The CWC may order of counseling of children and the families by counselors linked with CWC and on the roster list of DCPUs.</p> <p>b) The observations and recommendations made by the counselor shall be recorded in the SIR of the child.</p> <p>c) Wherever required, the children and/or the family shall be given and/or linked with mental health services.</p> <p>d) The counselors shall make all possible efforts to keep the families and the children away from the streets</p>
3	Where the child is without any identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case no biological traces are found or the child is unable to inform about his native place/parents/ family, the CWC may pass orders for preparing an Aadhaar Card for the Child. <p>[Refer Page no.28 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</p>
4	Right to Education of CiSS	<p>a) The RTE Act, 2009 under section 3 provide that every child of the age of six to fourteen years, including a child belonging to disadvantaged group and weaker section, shall have the right to free and compulsory education in a neighborhood school till the completion of his or her elementary education.</p> <p>b) The Children shall be enrolled in a proper neighborhood school as per provisions of RTE Act, 2009.</p> <p>c) No Child shall be liable to pay kind of fee or charges or expenses which may prevent him or her from pursuing and completing the elementary education.</p>

5	Education of children with disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child with disability including severe disability referred to under the RTE Act 2009, shall have the same rights to pursue free and compulsory elementary education which children with disabilities have under the provisions of Chapter V of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.
6.	Special Training centers under Section 4 of the RTE Act, 2009	<p>a) Where a child above six years of age has not been admitted in any school or thought admitted could not complete his or her elementary education, then, he or she shall be admitted in a class appropriate to his or her age.</p> <p>b) Where a child is directly admitted in a class appropriate to his or her age, then, he or she shall, in order to be at par with others, have a right receive special training.</p>
7.	Enrollment in Anganwadi Centres/ Creches	<p>a) Children below six years of age may be enrolled with Anganwadi Centres/Creches.</p> <p>b) The benefit of Children being enrolled in Schools/Anganwadi centres/Creches is that the children shall be getting the benefit of mid-day meal scheme.</p>
8.	Linking with schemes/benefits[Refer Baal Swaraj Portal-CISS (Stage-5) for list of schemes provided for children and strengthening of families]	<p>a) The CWC may during its inquiry, as it deems fit, provide for financial support to the child from such government implemented funds/Schemes. Wherever the children produced before it are beneficiaries of any implemented schemes, funds, scholarships, etc. the same must be facilitated and provided to the child through a written order as per Section 45 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015</p> <p>b) Local Authorities may also facilitate the benefit/entitlement of any implemented schemes to the child or his/her family/guardian wherever applicable or recommended by the CWC. For these special cases involving children., the department must take up these cases on priority.</p> <p>c) If there are any other State Government implemented schemes meant for children in street situations, then the same may be informed to NCPCR for updating the list of schemes at Stage-5 of the Portal.</p>

9.	Sponsorship	<p>a) The Sponsorship programme may provide supplementary support to families, to meet medical, nutritional, educational and other needs of the children, with a view to improving their quality of life.</p> <p>b) In cases, where the CWC thinks that the child may be placed under a sponsorship programme or where a guardian/relative/Single parent under whom the child is to be placed requests for assistance under the sponsorship programme, the CWC may recommend to the SCPS for the same.</p> <p>c) DCPU shall facilitate and ensure smooth implementation of the sponsorship programme.</p> <p>In Case of individual sponsorship, DCPU will open a bank account in the name of the child preferably to be operated by <i>mother (in cases where mother is not there, then the father/relative/guardian that the CWC may declare as a fit person for the child)</i> and the money shall be transferred directly from the account of DCPU to the child's bank account.</p>
10.	Private Sponsorship under Section 45 of JJ Act, 2015	<p>a) The District Magistrate may identify such organizations/Companies/industries who are willing to contribute for the rights to children through their CSR initiatives and to provide financial assistance to children.</p> <p>b) The District Magistrate may facilitate these organizations to link them with the State sponsorship program.</p>

**OTHER STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN FOR REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN
WHO ARE VICTIM OF OFFENCES**

S.No.	Child Victims	Steps that can be taken
1.	Where child is found to be in contravention of labour laws/or is found working	<p>a) The Child shall be produces before the Child Welfare Committee under section 31 of the JJ Act, 2015.</p> <p>b) Local Police shall file FIR on the prepetators and employers of the child for violations of Child Labour Act,1986, Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and Indian Penal Code, 1860 on the statement of the Child given before the Child Welfare Committee.</p> <p>c) In Case the child in street situation is found to be picking waste, walking in a roadside tea stall/fruit cart, selling newspapers, balloons, pens, pencils, etc., then such acts of the child are also to be deemed as acts of child labour. <i>[Refer page no.24-25 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</i></p> <p>d) If the person receiving the scrap/whatever collection from the child or who has engaged children and is giving narcotic substance instead of money or along with the money, action may be initiated under section 77 of the JJ Act, 2015. In any case if a person is Purchasing scraps/whatever collection from a child, action must be initiated under the relevant sections of the child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986; section 79 of the JJ Act, 2015 and any other laws applicable for this matter.</p> <p>e) Following financial amounts/compensations should be provided to the Child labour victim-</p> <p>f) Interim compensation as decided by the Child Welfare Committee for providing emergency protection and health Care services to the child.</p> <p>g) Compensation in accordance with clause 5 of the Central Sector scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers, 2016.</p> <p>h) An amount of ₹ 25,000 to be compensated to child as per given provisions, with a contribution of ₹ 5,000 form the District Child Rehabilitation Fund as ₹ 20,000 from the employer.</p> <p>i) Back Wages from the employer to the child, if any.</p>

2.	Where the Child is a substance abuser or is victim of drug peddling <i>[Refer page no.25 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) CWC shall immediately send the child to a fit facility identified for care, detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation of such children. b) Girl substance abusers should be sent to "fit facility" exclusively for Girls. c) CWC should direct the DCPU and district administration to create such facility for drugs de-addiction in an appropriate institution or in an appropriate manner. d) In case there is unavailability of such institutions the child may be sent to any other appropriate facility of the Government
3.	Where the child is found to be begging on the streets <i>[Refer pf no.26-27 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Where the child is found to fall under any of the above mentioned categories by the CWC, the CWC shall pass necessary orders under JJ Act, 2015 for placing the child in institutional care. b) The people making the child to beg in the streets including parents shall be identified at the time of rescue of these children and FIR under the provisions of IPC, JJ Act, 2015 and Child Labour Act, 1986 shall be immediately filed by the Police for further investigation.
4.	Where the child is a sexual abuse victim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Where child who is rescued is also a victim of sexual abuse or has been exploited sexually, the procedure for such a child shall be followed in accordance with the POCSO Act, 2012. b) An immediate FIR must be registered by the Police on the statement of the child as per provision of POCSO Act, 2012.
5.	Where the child is a trafficked child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In case it is found that or the CWC doubts that the guardians or family actually are not biological parents or guardians, the CWC shall request for further police investigation to inquire into the people having charge of the child, with a copy to Anti Human Trafficking Unit(AHTU). b) In addition, if the Child mentions that he/she is controlled by any other person or group of persons, the Police to carry out further investigation into the matter and suitable action under JJ Act, 2015 shall be initiated immediately. c) Till true identity of the persons having charge of the child is found out, the CWC may place the child in institutional care and after inquiry of the police is completed, only then should the child be restored to the parents/ guardians with the orders of the CWC.

		d) If the inquiry discloses that the people having charge of the child are traffickers then appropriate legal action must be taken under IPC, JJ Act, ITPA(Immoral Trafficking and Prevention Act) against the perpetrators.
6.	Where the child was identified but is not found at the same place	<p>a) The DCPU shall inform about the same to the concerned CWC and District Magistrate.</p> <p>b) The District Magistrate shall then direct the Special Juvenile Police Units to initiate an enquiry into the search and whereabouts of the child</p> <p>c) SJPU shall make all efforts to locate the whereabouts of the child.</p> <p>d) At the time of the identification of children in street situations whether those children are alone or with families, it should be ensured that the families are not migrant families and that children are not going to relocate from that place.</p>
7.	If the child is Divyang	<p>a) On the order of CWC, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the district to issue the certificate appropriate to the case. On the basis of certificate, Divyang child to be enrolled for pension scheme benefit.</p> <p>b) On the order of CWC, required medical supportive devices to be provided to the child.</p> <p>c) CWC, on the nature of disability of the child, would order for the placement in an appropriate institutional care.</p> <p>d) DCPU will follow up with DSWO to place the child in the institution.</p> <p>e) Effort would also be made for their restoration and reintegration to the mainstream society through appropriate means and interventions.</p>

REHABILITATION FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE STREET CHILDREN

S.NO.	STAKEHOLDERS	ROLES
1.	Labour Department	DCPU may implement Skill Oriented Programme/Income Generation Programme in different trades with the Labour Department for their Economic support.
2.	NGOs	DCPU may Create Self Help Groups among the Families in tie up with the NGOs
3.	Banks	Bank may support with Micro Finance for Petty Business to enhance their financial support
4.	State Government	Reservation for the community of the Gypsy/Street children by the Government/Quasi Government for the jobs.

ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS

The role of various stakeholders is illustrated in the table below:

S.No	Intervention/Measures	Concerned Department/Stakeholders
1	Rescue of the Child	District Administration, Police, DCPU (Department of WCD/Social Welfare) CWCs, NCPCR, SCPCRs.
2	Enrollment of the child to schools	DCPU(Department of WCD/Social Welfare), District Education Officers(Department of Education)
3	Enrollment in the Anganwadi Centres/Creche	DCPU(Department of WCD/Social Welfare),
4	Health Services/Medical Aid	State Department of Health
5.	Mental Health Services	State Department of Health
6.	Shelters	Department of WCD/Social Welfare, Labour Department, Police, SCPCRs/NGOs
7	Child Labour Prohibition	Department of WCD/Social Welfare, Labour Department, Police, SCPCRs.
8	Protection against abuse, exploitation, trafficking	Special Juvenile Police Unit, Child Welfare Police Officer, District Child Protection Unit (Department of WCD/Social Welfare)
9.	Overall Supervision of the care and protection mechanism for street children	District Administration, Department of WCD/Social Welfare

Rescue of CISS from Selected Hotspots: The Authorities/Stakeholders who can be Approached for Assistance for Rescue and Production before the CWC

HOTSPOT	STAKEHOLDERS
Railway Stations	Childline booth, Station Manager/GRP at the Railway Station
Bus Stands	Childline Staff, Traffic Police, DCPU, Child Welfare Police Officer/Local Police Station
Streets/pavements/footpaths	Childline staff/traffic police, Child Welfare Police Officer, DCPU
Temples/dargah/other religious shrines or places of worship	Childline staff/ traffic police, Child Welfare Police Officer/Management of the Place.
Under the bridges, slums/nutmeats	Beat officer/Childline, DCPU, traffic police personnel, Child Welfare Police Officer, Local
Outside shops/malls/working in shops/markets	Child Welfare Police Officer/DCPU/local police/Childline, Labour inspector of the area
Construction sites	Childline, Labour inspector, Police
Area where prostitution is prevalent, locally called red light areas.	Childline/beat Officer, Child Welfare Police Officer
Hospitals/dispensaries (when they seek treatment)	Childline/beat officer, management/Child Welfare Police Officer
Beaches and similar tourist hotspots	Childline/beat Officer, Child Welfare Police Officer
In case of child in need of care and protection inside any premise/house	Child Welfare Police Officer of local police station, Special Juvenile Police Unit,/DCPU/Sub divisional magistrate
Other Places	Childline/beat officer

Annexure – A**BASIC INDICATORS TO IDENTIFY “CHILDREN AT RISK” AND
“VULNERABLE FAMILIES”**

1. Out of School
2. Out of Anganwadi.
3. Family condition:
 - a. Abandoned child
 - b. Divorcee/Widow Women
 - c. Disabled children
 - d. Disability in Family
 - e. Poor health conditions making the children vulnerable
 - f. Old age Parents
 - g. Families unable to obtain Gainful Employment
 - h. Relatives or family Members already Migrated and in street situations in Cities / Urban Areas
 - i. Families where children are survivors of trafficking
 - j. Families having Debts, loans, other such monetary liabilities etc.
 - k. Affected by natural calamities
 - l. Casualty in Family or death of earning member due to any reasons
 - m. Accident in Family
 - n. Marital discords
4. Abuse in the Family : Misbehavior / Discrimination / Children unhappy due to various reasons.
5. Families where alcoholism and/or addiction to other substances is prevalent
6. Family members accused of any violation of child rights ie. POCSO, JJ Act, Child Labour etc.
7. Rag picker families.
8. Children who are victim of Substance Use or Risk of substance Use
9. Victim of Child Labour Activity in Village/nearby areas or possibility of getting indulged into child labour
10. History of Absconding / running Away from Home.
11. Economic deprivation condition of family which makes child vulnerable to trafficking.

Note:

- *The indicators listed above are broad and suggestive. The list is required to be customized and prepared at district/Block/Village Level based on individual families habiting in the community. Hence, to enable this Community participation is a must to create a comprehensive list.*
- *Matching of the profiles of children at risk and vulnerable families should be done by the Panchayat for ensuring the benefits of Government Schemes.*

YEARLY CALENDER FOR RESCUE THE STREET CHILDREN

ANNEXURE-B

S.NO.	QUARTER	HOTSPOT AREAS TO BE COVERED				MAHE	STAKEHOLDERS
		PUDUCHERRY	KARAIKAL	YANAM			
1	QUARTER I	Railway Station, Sacred Heart Church, Vandrapet, Duprayapet, uppalam, Old Bus stand, Beach, Park, New Bus stand, Indira Gandhi Statue, Cluny Hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Govt. General Hospital.	Railway Station, Beach	Nil	Nil	Childline/Station Manager/DCPU , Nearby NGOs, Management of the Place, Child Welfare Police Officer	
2		New & Old Bus stand, Bus stand Bridge, Govindasalai, Vambakeerapalaym Railway cave, Aattupatti Church, In & Around Periyar Nagar, Vandrapettai, Beach, Park	Bus stand	Nil	Nil	Childline/Traffic Police/DCPU/Police Officer, Local Police Station, Nearby NGOs	
3		Manakula Vinayagar Temple, Villianur Church & Shivan Temple, Perumal Kovil, & Samba Kovil, Beach, Park	Church	During local Mahalakhmi Theertham local festival Children from particular community will stay on the streets / State and sell goods.	Nil	Childline staff/traffic police, Child Welfare Police Officer, DCPU,Nearby NGOs	
4	QUARTER II	Nehru Street, Goubert Bazaar, MG Road, Providence Mall, Sunday Market, Boat House, Merina Beach, Ariyankuppam Bridge, Thideer Nagar, Pooranankuppam, Beach, Park	Karaikal Ammaiyar Koil, Dargah.	Nil	Nil	Childline staff/ traffic police, Child Welfare PoliceOfficer/Management of the Place, DCPU	
5		JIPMER, Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Arupadal Veedu, Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Hotel Green Park & Other Hotels near Beach & Park	Bus stand backside Thirunagar	Nil	Nil	Childline, DCPU, traffic police personnel, Child Welfare Police Officer, Local	
6		Surroundings of Mettupalayam, Oosttuveri lake, Vazhuthavur Road, Patthukannu Thirukanur surroundings, Sellipattu, Beach, park	Nil	Nil	Nil	Childline, DCPU, traffic police personnel, Child Welfare Police Officer, Nearby NGOs, Management of the Place.	

7	QUARTER III	Kannikovil, Bahour, Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Kirumampakkam, Thavalakuppam, Kaattupalayam, Veerampattinam Beach, Pondy Beach, Park	Dargah Market	Nil	During St. Theresa church festival Children from particular community will stay on the streets / State and sell goods.	Child Welfare Police Officer/DCPU/local police/Childline, Labour inspector of the area, Management of Place
8		Sedarapet, Vadamangalam, Nearby Factories, Auro Beaches, Lodges, Guest Hosues around Puducherry, Pondicherry University, PIMS Hospital	Nil	Nil	Nil	Childline, Labour inspector, Police, Nearby NGOs, DCPU, Child Welfare Police Officer, Management of Place
9		Govindasalai, Spa institute, Beauty Parlour in Puducherry region, Auroville, Auro Beach	Nil	During local Christmas festival Children from particular community will stay on the streets / State and sell goods.	Nil	Childline/beat Officer, Child Welfare Police Officer, Nearby NGOs, DCPU,
10		Vandrapet, Mettupalayam Estate, Pathukannu, Sedrapet, PIPDIC Industrial Areas	G.H	Nil	Nil	Childline/beat officer, Management/Child Welfare Police Officer, Nearby NGOs, DCPU
11	QUARTER IV	Kumarapalayam, Thirukannur Surroundings	Karaikal Beach	Nil	Nil	Childline/beat Officer, Child Welfare Police Officer
12		Villianur, Madagadipet, Thirubhuvanai, Thiruvandarkovil and other Places	Overall Karaikal Region	During local Vakanabanu & Mary Matha festival Children from particular community /state will stay on the streets and sell goods.	Nil	Childline, Child Welfare Police Officer of local police station, Special Juvenile Police Unit, DCPU

District Magistrate –cum-District Collector